REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the title has been amended to conform

to the English language translation. The abstract has been added to conform the

application to the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/004470. Claims

1-10 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, and to otherwise conform

with the conventional U.S. format. New claims 11-16 have been added. No new

matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the title, the

abstract and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is

respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the

undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated

below.

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